

R E P O R T

FROM

STANDING COMMITTEE B

ON THE

IRISH LAND (PROVISION FOR SAILORS AND SOLDIERS) BILL

WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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STANDING COMMITTEE B.

[Wednesday, 26th February, 1919] :—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had nominated the following Members to serve on Standing Committee B:—

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Colonel Allen.	Mr. France.
Sir William Barton.	Mr. Gange.
Mr. James Bell.	Mr. Gritten.
Sir Arthur Shirley Beun.	Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Frederick Hall.
Captain Wedgwood Beun.	Mr. Johnstone.
Mr. James Brown.	Mr. John Joseph Jones.
Mr. Carr.	Mr. Kiley.
Mr. William Carter.	Mr. Mallison.
Mr. Chadwick.	Lieutenant-Colonel Murray.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain.	Mr. Neal.
Major Cope.	Mr. Nelson.
Major Courthope.	Sir J. D. Rees.
Commander Davies.	Mr. Alexander Richardson.
Mr. Donald.	Lieutenant-Colonel Roundell.
Mr. Edgar.	Mr. Rowlands.
Mr. Charles Edwards.	Lieutenant-Colonel Royds.
Mr. John Hugh Edwards.	Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir George Elliott.	Major Steel.
Major Entwistle.	Mr. Swan.
Sir James Fortescue Flannery.	Colonel William Thorne.

Sir Samuel Roberts further reported from the Committee; That they had agreed to the following Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House:—

"That, after a Bill has been under consideration in Standing Committee, no application for changes in the composition of that Committee in respect of that Bill shall be entertained by the Committee of Selection."

[Tuesday, 4th March, 1919] :—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Colonel Royds; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Greer.

[Thursday, 20th March, 1919] :—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added to Standing Committee B the following Members: Mr. Attorney-General, Major Baird, Sir William Howell Davies, Sir Eric Geddes, Mr. Grundy, Major Hayward, Sir Evan Jones, Mr. Johnson-Hicks, Mr. Lindsay, Sir Francis Lowe, Sir Donald Maclean, Mr. Merville, Sir Herbert Nield, Sir William Pearce, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Secretary Shortt, Sir Albert Stanley, Mr. John Henry Thomas, Colonel Sir Rhys Williams, and Mr. Wilson-Fox.

[Monday, 24th March, 1919] :—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Colonel Allen; and had appointed in substitution: Major Prescott.

[Tuesday, 15th July, 1919] :—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Major Cohen.

[Tuesday, 18th November, 1919] :—Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill,—read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

[Wednesday, 19th November, 1919].—

DISTRIBUTION BY MR. SPEAKER, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER No. 47,
OF BILLS COMMITTED TO A STANDING COMMITTEE.

Name of Bill.	Standing Committee.
Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill	B.

[Tuesday, 25th November, 1919].—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Baird, Major Barnes, Mr. Bridgeman, Mr. Donnelly, Major Entwistle, Sir Eric Geddes, Mr. William Graham, Viscount Eldon, Sir Evan Jones, Mr. MacVaugh, Mr. Manville, Mr. Marriott, Colonel Pinkham, Mr. Raffan, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Alfred Short, Mr. Secretary Short, Mr. Stevens, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Vickers, Mr. Waterson, Colonel Sir Rhys Williams, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Sir Samuel Roberts further reported from the Committee; That they had added to Standing Committee B the following Fifteen Members (in respect of the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill): Lieutenant-Colonel Allen, Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland, Mr. Finney, Captain Loseby, Mr. Lynn, Mr. MacVaugh, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Molea, Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Murray, Mr. Newbould, Major O'Neill, Mr. Royce, Mr. Walter Smith, Mr. Starrock, and Lieutenant-Commander Williams.

[Tuesday, 25th November, 1919].—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Mount to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill).

[Thursday, 27th November, 1919].—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. Carr and Major Steel; and had appointed in substitution: Major Farquharson and Sir Kingsley Wood.

[Monday, 1st December, 1919].—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Alexander Richardson; and had appointed in substitution: Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Alfred Warren.

[Tuesday, 2nd December, 1919].—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill): Captain Loseby.

[Monday, 8th December, 1919].—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Nurses Registration (No. 2) Bill): Dr. Addison, Major Barnett, Sir Watson Cheyne, Captain Elliot, Colonel Greig, Mr. Grundy, Mr. Hayday, Sir Philip Magnus, Sir Philip Pidditch, Lieutenant-Colonel Raw, Mr. Robert Richardson, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, Sir William Whittle, and Colonel Penny Williams.

Sir Samuel Roberts further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Major Farquharson and Sir Kingsley Wood; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Carr and Major Steel.

Sir Samuel Roberts further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Hoslean; and had added the following Member (in respect of the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill): Mr. Edward Kelly.

REPORT.

STANDING COMMITTEE B, to whom the IRISH LAND (PROVISION FOR SAILORS AND SOLDIERS) BILL was referred;—Have gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

11th December, 1919.

STANDING COMMITTEE B.

Wednesday, 10th December, 1919.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Mount in the Chair.

Lieut.-Colonel Allen
Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland
Sir William Barton
Mr. William Carter
Major Cope
Mr. Gauge
Lieut.-Colonel Sir Frederick Hall
Mr. Lynn

Mr. Mallalieu
Mr. Moles
Lieut.-Colonel Roundell
Mr. Royce
Major Steel
Mr. Sturrock
Lieut.-Colonel Sir Alfred Warren
Lieut.-Commander Williams

IRISH LAND (PROVISION FOR SAILORS AND SOLDIERS) BILL.

There being no Quorum, the Chairman adjourned the Committee till To-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 11th December, 1919.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Mr. MOUNT in the Chair.

Lieut.-Colonel Allen
Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland
Sir William Barton
Captain Wedgwood Benn
Mr. William Carter
Mr. Finney
Sir James Fortescue Flannery
Mr. Gange
Mr. Greer
Lieut.-Colonel Sir Frederick Hall
Mr. Edward Kelly
Mr. Kiley
Mr. Lynn

Mr. Macpherson
Mr. Mallahan
Mr. Moles
Major O'Neill
Lieut.-Colonel Roundell
Mr. Royce
Mr. Arthur M. Samuel
Mr. Walter Smith
Major Steel
Mr. Starrock
Mr. Swan
Lieut.-Colonel Sir Alfred Warren
Lieut.-Commander Williams

IRISH LAND (PROVISION FOR SAILORS AND SOLDIERS) BILL.

Clause I.

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 5, after the word "Advances," to insert the words "to an amount not exceeding five hundred pounds in any individual case"—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 7, after the word "any," to insert the words "officers, non-commissioned officers, or"—(*Lieutenant-Colonel Allen*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 7, after the word "men," to insert the words "who have had previous practical experience in agriculture and"—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Amendment made, in page 1, line 9, after the word "war," by inserting the words "and who satisfy the Estates Commissioners as to their fitness and suitability"—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 14, to leave out the word "mainly," and insert the word "partly"—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).—instead thereof.—Question proposed, "That the word 'mainly' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, lines 1 and 2, to leave out the words "after consultation with," and insert the words "with the consent of"—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).—instead thereof.—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Amendments made, in page 2, line 12, after the word "same," by inserting the words "or any part thereof"; and in page 2, line 16, after the word "land," by inserting the words "so purchased"—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 19, to leave out paragraph (c)—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).—Question proposed, "That the words 'if the land is land' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 33, at the end, to insert the words:—

"Provided that no land shall be purchased under this provision unless there is no demesne land or untenanted land in the district"—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).

—Question, "That those words be there inserted"—put, and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, to leave out lines 34 to 39, inclusive—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 5, to omit sub-section (5)—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).—Question proposed, "That sub-section (5) stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 11, after the word "may," to insert the words "after consultation with the Congested Districts Board"—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 16, at the end, to add the words "and such rules shall provide that existing schemes of resettlement by the Congested Districts Board shall not be interfered with, and that the relative degree of congestion in any district shall be taken into consideration by the Land Commission before land in that district is purchased for the purposes of this Act"—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there added."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 2.

Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 20, to leave out paragraph (e), and insert the words:—

"(a) any transfer, sub-division, or letting, or any contract for any transfer, sub-division, or letting or any contract for any transfer, sub-division, or letting shall be wholly void and inoperative except that any purported transfer, sub-division, or letting shall operate to re-vest the holding in the Land Commission freed and discharged of any claims thereon by the man in whom the holding was vested"—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*),

—instead thereof.—Question proposed, "That paragraph (a) stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 29, to leave out from the word "him" to the word "other," in line 30—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 3.

Resolution of the House of 26th November read as follows:—

"Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) [Expenses];

"That for carrying out the provisions of any Act of the present Session to facilitate the provision of land in Ireland for men who have served in the Naval, Military, and Air Forces of the Crown in the present war, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament,—

(a) of the Expenses of the Land Commission in managing, letting, and improving land, and of the deficiencies on leases of land by the Land Commission;

- (b) of the Expenses of the Local Government Board for Ireland in the provision of cottages, plots, and gardens for ex-service men; and
- (c) of the Expenses of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland for the purpose of promoting co-operation."

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4.

Amendment made, in page 4, line 20, at the end, by inserting the words "and who satisfy the Board as to their fitness and suitability"—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 27, to leave out the words "persons who appear to the Board to be"—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made, in page 4, line 32, at the end, by inserting the words "or may reject the scheme"—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*); and in page 5, line 16, by leaving out the word "two," and inserting the word "three"—(*Mr. Mole*),—instead thereof.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 20, to leave out from the word "aforesaid" to the end of the sub-section, and insert the words "shall be deemed to have been acquired on behalf of the local authority for the purposes of the Labourers (Ireland) Acts or of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, and shall be conveyed by the Board to the local authority for the purposes aforesaid"—(*Mr. Edward Kelly*),—instead thereof.—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5, 6, and 7, agreed to.

New Clause ("Consideration of applicant's wishes")—(*Major O'Neill*)—brought up, and read the first time as follows:—

"In dealing with applications made in accordance with the provisions of this Act regard shall so far as reasonably possible be had for the wishes of individual applicants as to the locality in which they desire their land, plot, or cottage to be situated."

New Clause read a second time, and added to the Bill.

Ordered, To Report the Bill, as amended, to the House.